

The Real Property Law Section

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WEBSITE

The Section's website is new and improved. Check it out: www.calbar.ca.gov/rpsection

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

October 15-18, 2003

Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW) will hold its national convention in San Francisco – our own Real Property Law Section is proud to sponsor the luncheon on Friday, October 17, featuring a talk by Brett White, president of CB Richard Ellis, Inc.

Mid-October 2003; Special Discounts From CEB:

Continuing Education of the Bar – CEB will make available special discounts on selected products to State Bar Real Property Law Section members. Information about these discounts will be available on a dedicated web page: www.ceb.com/RealPropertySection. Offers will change regularly – check in often!

October 30, 2003

The Real Estate Litigation Subsection is presenting "A Practical Approach to Implementing SB 800 – The Homebuilder 'Fix-It'", from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the State Bar San Francisco office, 180 Howard Street. For more information, call (415) 538-2508.



A LETTER FROM:

Our New Chair, **David Bagley** of Hecht, Solberg, Robinson, Goldberg & Bagley LLP, San Diego

Fellow Section Members:

It is a great honor to become the new Chair of our Section. Thanks to last year's chair Dave Abele, and his predecessor Mary Kay Kennedy, we begin the year in a strong position, with stable membership, a great California Real Property Journal, a revamped website, and a terrific group of new and returning members of the Executive Committee.

What should you expect for the year ahead? For starters, in addition to our historically strong programs at the Annual Retreat (which next year will be at the La Costa resort in San Diego County, on April 23-25, 2004), we expect to increase the number of Real Property Law Section-sponsored

programs at the Section Education Institute (which will be held in Santa Monica on January 10, 2004) and at the Annual Meeting (October 7-10, 2004 in Monterey). Second, we hope to strengthen the links between the Executive Committee and the various Subsections. Third, continuing the series that began in San Diego two years ago and has been repeated since then in Rancho Mirage, Sacramento and Orange County, you can look for more joint Executive Committee meetings with local bar groups. Fourth, and by no means finally, we are hoping to schedule other *pro bono* events like the Habitat For Humanity work party that took place in Long Beach last year. Please watch the newsletter and the website for details. I hope you will consider getting involved. Check the back pages of the Journal for a listing of our many activities.

David Bagley

AND A FAREWELL MESSAGE FROM:

Our Outgoing Chair, **David F. Abele** of Nextel Communications, Walnut Creek



Twelve months ago I instructed the Executive Committee to "have fun getting the work done", and then proceeded to overload the members with numerous projects in every discipline of the Section's work. As I look back, I am truly amazed at just how much this Section accomplished over the last year: publishing the California Real Property Law Journal, planning and holding the Annual Retreat, holding outreach meetings with the Sacramento County and Orange County Bar Associations, providing real estate related programs for the Annual Meeting and the Section Education Institute, and the list goes on. What is even more amazing, however, is that the members did just what I asked of them, and "had fun getting it done". For all of these accomplishments, I thank the hard working members of the Executive Committee, the Journal Editorial Board, and Pam Wilson and her State Bar staff. It has truly been an honor serving as chair of the Real Property Law Section.

David Abele

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WELCOME to our new Executive Committee members **David Blackwell, Richard Carlston, David Kassoy, Teresa Klinkner, and Jeffrey Schneider.**

AND FAREWELL to our departing Committee advisors **David Alden, Elizabeth Gianola, Malissa McKeith, Cheryl Prell, Jonathan Rivin, and David Wescott.**

JOIN A SUBSECTION (OR TWO) (OR ALL 16!)

- Central Coast Roundtable
- Natural Resources
- Commercial Leasing
- Real Estate Finance
- Common Interest Development
- Real Estate Litigation
- Construction and Commerce/Industrial Development
- Real Estate Sales and Brokerage
- Environmental Law
- Residential Landlord – Tenant
- Fresno/Central Valley Roundtable
- Title Insurance
- Inverse Condemnation/Eminent Domain
- Sacramento/Central Valley Roundtable
- Law Professors Roundtable
- Zoning and Land Use

The enrollment form is easy to access online from the website, and enrollment is free to RPLS members.
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LAW SCHOOLS RECOGNIZE REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS AS WORTH TEACHING

Finally coming into the twentieth century (even if it didn't happen until the twenty-first), the Association of American Law Schools granted the petition of a group of law school professors letting them out from under the existing Property section and creating a new Real Estate Transaction section. Roger Bernhardt, of Golden Gate University in San Francisco, is one of the members of the Section's new Executive Committee. At the Annual Meeting of the Section in January of this year, Professor Bernhardt moderated a panel on Teaching Predatory Lending. Kurt Eggert, a Professor of Law at Chapman Law School in Orange, spoke on how the secondary market and the doctrine of holder in due course have made it easier for predatory lending to occur.

Remember: If you miss a CLE session offered by the State Bar, audiotapes are available. The Versa-Tape Company has a large library of audio cassettes of educational programs sponsored by the Real Property Law Section, the State Bar of California and all of the State Bar Sections. For information, call (626) 791 8907, (800) 727-8883 or visit versatape.com

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NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS

To submit materials to be included in the next edition of the Real Property Section Newsletter, please send them to **Jean Bertrand** at jlbertrand@mjllp.com or (415) 901-8701 (fax). Items can include announcements of upcoming programs, reports of prior programs, pro bono success stories, and the like.